

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

11:00AM

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

— Philippians 3:20

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

***Call To Worship**

"Seek Ye First"

(v.1) UMH #405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

***Opening Hymn**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

UMH #103

We Praise God

***Responsive Reading**

"Psalm 27:1-4"

UMH #758

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

***Doxology**

UMH #95

***Prayer after offering**

Rev. Bryson Williams

Children's Message

Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children return to their seats.) Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Grey Pennell

Anthem

"In Christ Alone"

Choir

We Hear Gods Word

New Testament Reading

"Philippians 3:17-4:1"

Pew Bible, p.187(N.T.)

Sermon

"Stand Firm in the Lord in this Way"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

***Closing Hymn**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

***Benediction**

Rev. Bryson Williams

***Benediction Response**

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

UMH #349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

***Postlude**

***The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your participation.**

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed in the church for the Glory of God.

WELCOME: Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth and children worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Sharon family.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	10:00AM	Confirmation Class, Gym
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, MARCH 18	10:00AM	Stretch & Walking in BBldg.
	4-6PM	Sharon's Community Cupboard
	6:15PM	Family Ministries Mtg., Gym
TUESDAY, MARCH 19	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20	6:30PM	Wednesday Bible Study
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, MARCH 21	10:00AM	Stretch & Walking in BBldg.
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, MARCH 22	8:30AM	Interval Training

Sunday, MARCH 10, 2019

Sunday School	65
Worship	123
Offering	\$5,366.50
Received YTD	\$63,235.50
Needed YTD	\$68,685.20
Needed Weekly	\$6,868.52
Difference	-\$5,449.70
Cemetery Fund (1/31/2019)	\$3,057.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$130.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$104,651.89

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, March 24
Isaiah 55:1-9 - Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 - Luke 13:1-9

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Karen Landers & Linette Garrett
Nursery Workers March 24	Pat Burgess & Angie Davis
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Sarah Boland
Children's Church March 24	Amy Blackwell & Harold Lee
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher March 24	Jeff Boland

SCA Staff

Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Katie Reckart
Lisa Welch	Stephanie Wykel



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CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor

Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary

Katie Reckart, Music Director

Victoria Fowler, Pianist

Bill Lee, Organist

Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director

Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director

Debra Fowler, Custodian

Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries

Laura Williams, Preschool Director

OUR MISSION STATEMENT – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.

PRAYER LIST - MARCH 10, 2019		
Ben Brockman	Frank & Ruby Vaughn	Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung	Dorothy McHugh	Gregg Gowan
Gerald & Ruth Snow	Phyllis Brockman	Beverly Cureton
Johnny & Doris Wade	Vera Brockman	Sharon Community Cupboard
Dora Edwards	June Gossett	Sharon Christian Academy
J. B. Waddell		

PRAYER LIST - FAMILY AND FRIENDS	
Mel Meyers	Martha Swift's relative
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Earl Neely	friend of Ron King
Kelli Cardoso	friend of Jackie & Ginger Floyd
David Huffman	friend of Jerry & Angela Dalenta
Kay Hammett	Larry Bradley's sister
Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Glenn Greer	friend of Scott Davis
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson's sister
Dianne & Charles Babb	Chip Babb's parents
Tina Smith	friend of the Cupboard
Family of Kathy Morris	daughter of Roy & Wanda Hayes

OUR MILITARY
Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck
Jamie Matekaitis

NEEDS OF SHARON'S COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
Ramen noodles (packs)
Saltine crackers
Can Tomatoes

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION	
Asia Minor	Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap
Thailand	Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Iceland. Iceland, an island in the North Atlantic just below the Arctic Circle, is the westernmost country of Europe. The population is descended from Scandinavian Vikings and Celtic immigrants, and is quite homogeneous with very insular institutions and traditions. Iceland's economy and prosperity is based on the fishing industry. Iceland became Christian by a decision of its assembly in the year 1000. It adopted the Lutheran Reformation. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the national church, and is an integral part of the history and culture of the Icelandic people.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019: Conference is in Greenville again this year, June 2-6. Methodists, Laity and Clergy from across South Carolina gather for this meeting. Volunteers are needed to execute this event. If you would like to volunteer, see Pastor Bryson for instructions.

THANK YOU: To my church family, I want to thank you for all the calls, visits, food, flowers, gifts and most of all your prayers. Keep praying for me as I continue to get better at home.

I love you all, Vera Brockman

CAR SHOW: The 4th Annual Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. As always, we will need volunteers to help set up and tear down. Also, if you would like to donate cookies or cupcakes for the cakewalk and to go with lunch plates, please sign up on the volunteer list as well. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Any questions, please see Christy Kurtz. Thanks

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, June 16-20.

NURSERY FOR OUR CHILDREN: Parents, we are so glad that you are our guest today. We have a nursery for our children. The nursery is for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. If you need help with locating the nursery, please see one of our greeters in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

INTERVAL TRAINING: Our Interval training classes are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm and Saturday mornings at 8:30am. The cost is \$5 per class. Ability levels are beginners through expert. Remember to bring a yoga mat and water!

BACKGROUND CHECKS: As part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy, it is time to run background checks. We will run these checks on everyone who works with children, youth and vulnerable adults. If you currently work or would like to work in any of these areas. Your form is on the desk in the gathering space. Please return the form to the Church office. The goal is to make our church as safe as possible for everyone.

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 2019-2020: It is time to begin registration for our next school year. If you have a child who will be 2, 3, or 4 on or before September 1, 2019, we have a spot for you! Come by the preschool office to register.

